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**Committee Bill No. 5792**

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A SPECIAL OPERATOR'S PERMIT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-37a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Any person whose operator's license has been suspended  
4 pursuant to any provision of this chapter or chapter 248, except  
5 pursuant to section 14-215 for operating under suspension or pursuant  
6 to section 14-140 for failure to appear for trial, may make application to  
7 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a special permit to operate a  
8 motor vehicle to and from such person's place of employment or, if  
9 such person is not employed at a fixed location, to operate a motor  
10 vehicle only in connection with, and to the extent necessary, to  
11 properly perform such person's business or profession.

12 (b) The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion upon a  
13 showing of significant hardship, grant each such application that is  
14 submitted in proper form and contains such information and  
15 attestation by the applicant as the commissioner may require. In  
16 determining whether to grant such application, the commissioner may

17 also consider the driving record of the applicant and shall ascertain  
18 that the suspension is a final order that is not under appeal pursuant to  
19 section 4-183. A special operator's permit shall not be issued pursuant  
20 to this section to any person for the operation of a motor vehicle for  
21 which a public passenger transportation permit or commercial driver's  
22 license is required or to any person whose operator's license has been  
23 suspended previously pursuant to section 14-227a or 14-227b. A  
24 special operator's permit shall not be issued pursuant to this section to  
25 any person whose operator's license has been suspended pursuant to  
26 subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 14-227b  
27 for refusing to submit to a blood, breath or urine test or analysis until  
28 such operator's license has been under suspension for a period of not  
29 less than ninety days. A person shall not be ineligible to be issued a  
30 special operator's permit under this section solely on the basis of being  
31 convicted of two violations of section 14-227a unless such second  
32 conviction is for a violation committed after a prior conviction.

33 (c) A special operator's permit issued pursuant to this section shall  
34 be of a distinctive format and shall include the expiration date and the  
35 legend "work only".

36 (d) Any person issued a special operator's permit pursuant to this  
37 section who operates a motor vehicle during the period of the permit  
38 for a purpose not authorized by the conditions of the permit shall,  
39 upon receipt of written report of a police officer, in such form as the  
40 commissioner may prescribe, of such unauthorized operation, be  
41 subject to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars. Any  
42 person who makes improper use of a special operator's permit issued  
43 pursuant to this section or in any manner alters any such permit or  
44 who loans or sells such permit for use by another person shall be  
45 subject to the penalties provided by section 14-147.

46 (e) If a person issued a special operator's permit pursuant to this  
47 section has his operator's license suspended by the commissioner in  
48 connection with any motor vehicle violation or other offense for which

49 suspension action is authorized, the special operator's permit shall be  
 50 deemed revoked on the effective date of such suspension, and any  
 51 such person with notice of the suspension who operates a motor  
 52 vehicle shall be operating under suspension and shall be [subject to  
 53 double the penalties provided by the applicable provisions of  
 54 subsection (b) of section 14-111 and section 14-215] fined not more than  
 55 five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

56 (f) Any decision made by the commissioner under this section shall  
 57 not be subject to appeal pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54 or any  
 58 other provisions of the general statutes.

59 (g) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the  
 60 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	14-37a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the penalties for unauthorized use of a special operator's permit.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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